TRYING TO HEAD OFF THREATENED STRIKE

Effort to Get Prompt Action Authorizing Taking Over of Communication Lines.

(International News Service.) Washington, July 5,-Administration

leaders in congress today were endeavoring to get prompt action on the legislation authorizing President Wilson to take over the lines of communication. The proximity of the threatened strike of the union telegraphers empricks of the union telegraphers employed by the Western Union Telegraph company—the call has been issued for next Monday morning—has seriously alarmed many officials, who fear that serious damage will follow to government interests if the strike is not headed off. Fresident "Vilson had before him today all of the reports of the situation. He was expected to act himself if congressed did not get husy.

himself if congress did not get busy.

Meanwhile many administration
leaders were hopeful that the president leaders were hopeful that the president might decide to go before congress and ask that the legislation be speeded up, or, if he did not do this, write the leaders that he considers action imperative. Should the president do this, then immediate action can be secured, but if he does not it is likely that the proposed laws will remain under consideration for some little time.

Meanwhile the suggested congressional recess was still in the air. Majority Leader Kitchin and his house lieutenants were insisting that the re-

lieutenants were insisting that the re-cess will be taken very soon. But the majority of the men in both houses took another view of the matter. They declared that a recess at this time would be a most unwise move. It was expected, however, that the entire sub-ject would be clarified within the next

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO HE WAS IN WAR'S PATH

Huddled in House in Center of Fire of Two Armies-E. R. Ames Tells Experiences.

E. R. Ames, a member of the editorial staff of the Chattanooga News, gives a story of his personal experiences during the war between the states, of today is the fifty-fifth anniver-

Cn the 5th day of July, 1868, when Gen. Braxton Bragge Confederate army, was marching through Kentucky, a section of his command, under Gen. John H. Morgan, met the army of Gen. D. C. Buell at Lebanon, Ky., in which city the Ames family resided. The Confederates were making for Louisyille, but Gen. Buell deresided. The Confederates were making for Louisville, but Gen. Buell determined "they would not pass," and met them at the point mentioned. The little town was surrounded by Confederates early in the morning of July 5. The people had been warned to leave the city by Gen. Morgan, who stated that he would at a certain hour open fire. The citizens fled in confusion, seeking safety in woods and fleids outseeking safety in woods and fields out-side the town. Mr. Ames and his family, consisting of his wife and one child, Charles, for several years an employe of the Cincinnati Post, but now in the insurance business at Norwood. Ohio, and a few friends took refuge in an abandoned one-story frame cottage in the center of a gar-den, owned by the Houd family. He was making his way to a wood about a quarter of a mile further away, when a shell fell a few hundred yards in tront of him and evideded but no when a shell tell a few hundred yards in front of him and exploded, but no one was injured among the hundreds who were scurrying through the fields.

Mr. Ames made his way back to the frame house mentioned, believing that was as safe a place as any.

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soulders had advanced on the town, and a company of his men had taken possession of a large flourmill, just over quarter of a mile distant to the west. Morgan's men attempted to reach this mill, advancing from the east, thus placing the story-teller's place of refuge between the two fires. The battle commenced about 10

fres. The battle commenced about 10 o'clock in the morning and lasted until 3 o'clock that afternoon.

The Confederates took possession of the house and used it as shelter from federal bullets. They swarmed into the yard, into the house and all around the premises, while hundreds of bullets were fired at them by the federals. Several Confederates were shot down, and Mrs. Ames assisted in dressing the wounds of the injured men, tearing up sheets that had been left on the beds by former occupants. No one was killed, however, at this particular point, although nearly a hundred of the two armies met death during the battle, most of the deaths occurring in the vicinity of the Louisville & Nashville railroad depot. railroad depot.

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To the credit of the Confederate soldiers, it can be said that none of the ladies in the building with the Ames family were disturbed or used roughly in any way. Everywhere soldiers in that gathering acted as a gentleman should in the presence of ladies.

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After the fight had lasted for six hours the Confederates retreated toward Springfield, nine miles from Lebanon, from that point aiming from the Tennessee line, passing through the bluegrass regions of Kentucky, and enering Tennessee through Cumberland Jap

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Buell's forces followed them into fennessee, and many small battles were fought in the chase.

Mr. Ames states that several hundred bullets from muskets, carbines and Springheld rifles passed through the house in which he had taken refuge, but fortunately no civilian was injured. In the house had been built an old-fashioned fire-place for the burning of wood, with a solid brick breast probably five feet across. Into this fireplace Mrs. Ames laid the 3-months-old infant, Charlle, and he was comparatively safe from bullets, although several struck close to him. In this raid several houses were burned, mostly by the Confederates, but the federals were not altogether quittiess.

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Several stores had been looted before the federals reached the place of
attack, but no civilians were in any
way injured.

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KENTUCKY COAL MEN TO SUPPLY GREAT LAKES PORTS

(Special to The News.) Knoxvile, July 5.—District Fuel Representative E. R. Clayton, in charge of distribution of coal for the Tennessee, Kentucky and Georgia district, announces that coal operators of southeastern Kentucky will be called upon to supply 250,000 tons of coal to be shipped to Great Lakes ports within the next three weeks.

GERMANY COMBS LAST DREGS OF ITS MANPOWER, SAYS U. S. CENSUS CHIEF

(By Milton Bronner, N. E. A. Staff arouse wide discussion both at hom Correspondent.)

(International News Service.) That Americans are now helping the ritish defend the road to Amiens

down the Somme valley has just been revealed by the British war office. It was in keeping with the occasion

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that these Americans on the vital part of the Picardy front should be allowed the honor of attacking with Australians on the Fourth of July—at a time when England and France were helping the United States celebrate the birth of American independence.

The Americans again gave a good account of themselves, for the allies stormed the village of Hamel, sweeping on to the east of that place, where

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repelled counter attacks last

WAR REVIEW TERSELY GIVEN BY

THE TWO LEADING NEWS SERVICES

German prisoners.

Correspondent.)

Washington.—Germany is tapping the last of her manpower reserves, says to make all the tables gear up.

"For instance, census experts study and compare figures giving the age and sex constitution of the population the birth rate, the death rate, the marriage statistics, the disease figures. If it is a pretty hard thing to doctor all these so as to make them come right. "And even if they did, comparison with figures of past censuses would at once reveal a vast discrepancy. There would have to be decreased, births would have to be decreased and deaths increased. And this would have to be done on such a scale as at once

west shows no signs of letting up and the allies continue to gain ground here and there and bring in large batches of

The game of striking the enemy a

solid blow on a small sector now has been taken up on the British front and an advance o fa mile and a half on a

width of four miles, with the capture of 1,500 prisoners south of the Somme, testifies to the hitting powers of the

Australians, aided by American detach-

locally important positions here and there between Ypres and Rheims Gen. Foch is giving the German command something to consider seriously as to the effect on German morale. The number of prisoners taken in the past week is nearly 6,000.

Almost without exception Berlin has declared officially that the allied attacks were repulsed. It claims that the French thrust north of the Aisne was broken up in the front line, while it describes the thrust on the Somme as "patrol attacks" which were frustrated.

On the Italian front Gen Diaz has

On the Italian front Gen. Diaz has been equally successful with his local attacks, and his captures of prisoners since last Saturday ie now well over 4.800. The Italians continue their operations near the mouth of the Piave and rapidly are driving the Austrians back to the line of the old river bed.

American Independence day on the American sectors passed off with only normal activity. If there were any an-ticipations that the Germans might selze upon the Fourth of July as a day upon which to strike a blow against the Americans they did not materialize Last night the British had so well established themselves in their new positions that when the Germans de-livered a counter attack it was easily repulsed. In addition to the prisoners taken a German field gun and more

than 100 machine guns were captured TELLS HOW HOLY WATER KILLED A FORD AUTO

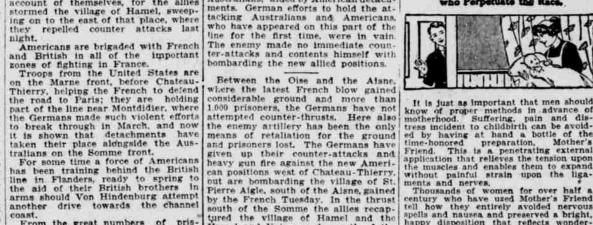
(Special to The News.) Knoxville, July 5.—How a Ford was "killed by holy water" is told by Dr. Carl Holliday, director of educational activities, in a letter to his parents. Mr. and Mrs. George H. Holliday, of

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Holliday, of Knoxville. He says:

"One of our secretaries recently stopped at a wayside well to get some water for his automobile. The whole population of the village turned out and raised a hue and cry. They shouted, 'Defendu! Defendu!' (forbidden), and tried to take his bucket from him. In his poor French he tried to explain that he was not going to risk drinking it, but would use it only for his machine. This did not quiet

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A Duty that Every Man Owes to Those who Perpetuate the Barry



Thierry, helping the French to defend the forman made such violent efforts and to Paris; they are holding considerable ground and more than 1,000 prisoners, the Germans have not attempted counter-thrusts. Here are the forman made such violent efforts to break through in March, and now it is shown that detachments have hear their place alongside the Australians on the Somme front.

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For some time a force of Americans have been training behind the British horothers in the allow of the British brothers in the arms should Von Hindenburg attempt another drive towards the channel coast.

From the great numbers of pristing the respective of the evillage of the village of the Willage of St. Through the successful and Vaire woods, south of the Somme treat day it is evident that the Australians and the Americans fighting with trent dash and brilliant vigor.

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them, and the mob endeavored to prevent him from putting the water into the Ford. Luckily, there cam: along a Frenchman who could speak some English, who explained that for hundreds of years this had been a holy well and that any one drinking or otherwise using the water would be cursed. In about an hour the automobile went dead, as is the custom of automobiles in French service, and the peasants made manifest their satisfaction at this proof of the sacredness of tion at this proof of the sacredness of the well."

SHELLS BY MILLIONS (Newspaper Enterprise Association.) London.—In the recent offensive

he use of shells by both sides often exceeded 1,000,000 rounds for minor bombardments. In the March offen-sive there were fixed in two days nearly six times as many shells as during the entire Franco-Prussian war. In the vicinity of Verdun more than a million and a half tons of steel are imbeded.

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